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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
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HIROSHI MAEHARA	)	
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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), copies of the documents available in Application No. 09/987,790, from which the present application claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120, are not enclosed.

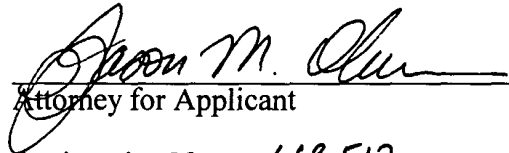
The concise explanation of relevance for the non-English document may be found, inter alia, in the specification where it is cited and in the English language abstract attached thereto.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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		<b>5,274,019</b>	<b>12/28/93</b>	<b>Poyner et al.</b>	<b>524</b>	<b>358</b>	
		<b>4,476,255</b>	<b>10/09/84</b>	<b>Bailey et al.</b>	<b>523</b>	<b>125</b>	
		<b>4,931,488</b>	<b>06/05/90</b>	<b>Chiquet</b>	<b>523</b>	<b>126</b>	
		<b>4,056,665</b>	<b>11/01/77</b>	<b>Taylor et al.</b>	<b>526</b>	<b>1</b>	
		<b>4,360,606</b>	<b>11/23/82</b>	<b>Tobias et al.</b>	<b>523</b>	<b>124</b>	
		<b>3,852,227</b>	<b>12/03/74</b>	<b>Matsuda et al.</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>23H</b>	
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		6,482,872 B2	11/19/02	Downie	523	124	
		5,973,024	10/26/99	Imashiro et al.	523	124	
		5,854,304	12/29/98	Garcia et al.	523	124	
		5,753,724	05/19/98	Edgington et al.	523	124	
		5,795,923	08/18/93	Shahid	523	125	
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		5,308,906	05/03/94	Taylor et al.	524	398	
		4,939,194	07/03/90	Scott et al.	524	134	
		5,993,796	11/30/99	Fedorov et al.	424	78.17	
		5,457,144	10/10/95	Holy et al.	524	108	
		4,983,645	01/08/91	Schwab	522	47	
		5,055,357	10/08/91	Plotkin et al.	428	413	
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